

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-42 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 43-54 as indicated below.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1 Claim 43 (new) A method for logging a user onto a target system and automatically  
2 starting a target application while only providing a single user identification and  
3 password comprising the steps of:

4 receiving a message from a client to log onto said target system to access said  
5 target application, wherein said message comprises a first user identification and a first  
6 password;

7 accessing a first entry in a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)  
8 directory associated with said client to authenticate said user of said client, wherein said  
9 first entry comprises a second user identification and a second password;

10 authenticating said user of said client if said first user identification and said first  
11 password matches said second user identification and said second password;

12 logging said user onto said target system if said user is authenticated;

13 mapping to a second entry in said LDAP directory associated with said user if  
14 said user is authenticated, wherein said second entry comprises a credential associated  
15 with said target application, wherein said credential enables said target application to be  
16 automatically started; and

17 automatically starting said target application by providing said credential to said  
18 target application if said user is authenticated.

1 Claim 44 (new) The method as recited in claim 43, wherein said credential is associated  
2 with a group of resources.

1 Claim 45 (new) The method as recited in claim 44, wherein said credential enables  
2 access to a group of target applications.

1 Claim 46 (new) The method as recited in claim 43, wherein said LDAP directory  
2 comprises a plurality of entries, wherein one of said plurality of entries comprises an  
3 identification and a password associated with a unique user, wherein one of said plurality  
4 of entries comprises a credential associated with one or more target applications said  
5 unique user is authorized to access.

1 Claim 47 (new) A computer program product embodied in a machine readable medium  
2 for logging a user onto a target system and automatically starting a target application  
3 while only providing a single user identification and password comprising the  
4 programming steps of:

5 receiving a message from a client to log onto said target system to access said  
6 target application, wherein said message comprises a first user identification and a first  
7 password;

8 accessing a first entry in a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)  
9 directory associated with said client to authenticate said user of said client, wherein said  
10 first entry comprises a second user identification and a second password;

11 authenticating said user of said client if said first user identification and said first  
12 password matches said second user identification and said second password;

13 logging said user onto said target system if said user is authenticated;

14 mapping to a second entry in said LDAP directory associated with said user if  
15 said user is authenticated, wherein said second entry comprises a credential associated  
16 with said target application, wherein said credential enables said target application to be  
17 automatically started; and

18 automatically starting said target application by providing said credential to said  
19 target application if said user is authenticated.

1 Claim 48 (new) The computer program product as recited in claim 47, wherein said  
2 credential is associated with a group of resources.

1 Claim 49 (new) The computer program product as recited in claim 48, wherein said  
2 credential enables access to a group of target applications.

1 Claim 50 (new) The computer program product as recited in claim 47, wherein said  
2 LDAP directory comprises a plurality of entries, wherein one of said plurality of entries  
3 comprises an identification and a password associated with a unique user, wherein one  
4 of said plurality of entries comprises a credential associated with one or more target  
5 applications said unique user is authorized to access.

1 Claim 51 (new) A system, comprising:

2 a processor; and

3 a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit is operable  
4 for storing a computer program for logging a user onto a target system and automatically  
5 starting a target application while only providing a single user identification and  
6 password;

7 wherein said processor, responsive to said computer program, comprises:

8 circuitry for receiving a message from a client to log onto said target system to  
9 access said target application, wherein said message comprises a first user identification  
10 and a first password;

11 circuitry for accessing a first entry in a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol  
12 (LDAP) directory associated with said client to authenticate said user of said client,  
13 wherein said first entry comprises a second user identification and a second password;

14 circuitry for authenticating said user of said client if said first user identification  
15 and said first password matches said second user identification and said second  
16 password;

17 circuitry for logging said user onto said target system if said user is authenticated;

18 circuitry for mapping to a second entry in said LDAP directory associated with

19 said user if said user is authenticated, wherein said second entry comprises a credential  
20 associated with said target application, wherein said credential enables said target  
21 application to be automatically started; and  
22 circuitry for automatically starting said target application by providing said  
23 credential to said target application if said user is authenticated.

1 Claim 52 (new) The system as recited in claim 51, wherein said credential is associated  
2 with a group of resources.

1 Claim 53 (new) The system as recited in claim 52, wherein said credential enables  
2 access to a group of target applications.

1 Claim 54 (new) The system as recited in claim 51, wherein said LDAP directory  
2 comprises a plurality of entries, wherein one of said plurality of entries comprises an  
3 identification and a password associated with a unique user, wherein one of said plurality  
4 of entries comprises a credential associated with one or more target applications said  
5 unique user is authorized to access.